

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 118 – HB 422

February 23, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes either parent to file a petition for an expedited hearing before a magistrate regarding a parenting plan. Reduces, from six to three months, the span of time in which either parent's intentional violation of an order of visitation on two or more occasions can result in a finding of non-compliance with the order.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Reducing the span of time in which intentional violation of visitation orders must occur for a petition to be filed will reduce the number of individuals qualified to file a petition and ultimately the number of petitions filed.
- Authorizing a magistrate to hear expedited petitions for parenting plan changes, as is currently the process for child support petitions, will reduce the time necessary to move these cases through the court system.
- Any reduction in caseloads or time necessary to process such cases will be absorbed by other judicial responsibilities in the trial and juvenile courts.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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